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SECRETARY-GENERAL'S BULLETIN

To: Members of the staff

Subject: POLICY GOVERNING ASSIGNMENT TO AND RETURN FROM MISSION DETAIL*

1. The Organization's primary objective in selecting staff for its field operations is to obtain the most competent and committed personnel. Mission service is considered part of personal and professional growth and development. I therefore expect programme managers to encourage staff to serve on mission, thus providing the opportunity to take up new responsibilities.

2. To enable this to happen effectively, it is necessary to balance the needs of the releasing department or office, which must maintain productivity in programme delivery, and the need of staff on mission detail, who must be confident that they can return to their parent department or office. Administrative instruction ST/AI/404 of 19 May 1995 addresses this issue, and sets out procedures and guidelines governing mission detail.

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